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3. A fixing device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said belt has a surface layer covered with a sponge-like heat insulating material having a thickness which is more than 17 % of a diameter of said fix roller inclusive.

- ~~5.~~ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~4~~, wherein said sponge-like heat insulating material has a hardness of less than 30° inclusive in terms of Ascar hardness.

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a high parting ability.

¹³~~13~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim ¹²~~14~~, wherein a drive force for driving said belt is applied to said fix roller.

¹⁴~~14~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim ¹³~~15~~, wherein the drive force is applied to said press roller via a one-way clutch.

¹⁵~~15~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said heat source is located at a position other than an inside of said fix roller.

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18. A fixing device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said sponge-like heat insulating material has a hardness of less than 30° inclusive in terms of Ascar hardness.

19. A fixing device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said press roller has a surface layer formed of an elastic material and less than 2 mm thick inclusive and having a hardness of higher than 40° inclusive in accordance with JISA.

¹⁶~~16~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim ¹⁷~~19~~, wherein said surface layer of said press roller is covered with a material having a high parting ability.

¹⁷~~17~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim ¹⁸~~20~~, wherein a drive force for driving said belt is applied to said fix roller.

¹⁸~~18~~. A fixing device as claimed in claim ¹⁹~~21~~, wherein the drive force is applied to said press roller via a one-way clutch.

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23. A fixing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said press roller has a surface layer formed of an elastic material and less than 2 mm thick inclusive and having a hardness of higher than 40° inclusive

in accordance with JISA.

~~24~~²¹ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~23~~²¹, wherein said surface layer of said press roller is covered with a material having a high parting ability.

~~25~~²² A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~24~~²², wherein a drive force for driving said belt is applied to said fix roller.

~~26~~²³ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~25~~²³, wherein the drive force is applied to said press roller via a one-way clutch.

~~27~~ A fixing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said surface layer of said press roller is covered with a material having a high parting ability.

~~28~~²⁴ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~27~~²⁴, wherein a drive force for driving said belt is applied to said fix roller.

~~29~~²⁵ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~28~~²⁵, wherein the drive force is applied to said press roller via a one-way clutch.

~~30~~²⁶ A fixing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a drive force for driving said belt is applied to said fix roller.

~~31~~²⁷ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~30~~²⁷, wherein the drive force is applied to said press roller via a one-way clutch.

~~32~~²⁸ A fixing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a drive force is applied to said press roller.

~~33~~²⁹ A fixing device as claimed in claim ~~32~~²⁹, wherein the drive force is applied to said fix roller via a one-way clutch.